



A Publication of News and Events

We all know that cooperation trumps coercion every time.

Barbara Heatly, Affordable Housing Coalition, 07/15/04 Public Hearing on Talbot County's Draft Comprehensive Plan

We have to acknowledge growth and plan for it.

Richard Hutchison, President, Talbot County Planning Commission

We have spent countless hours and many workshops trying to come up with the best solution (to the town's water and sewer debt). If someone has a grand idea, we are more than open to it.

Cheryl Lewis, Town Council President, July Town Meeting

I really wish some of our critics could walk a mile in our shoes, or better yet our wallet... **Cheryl Lewis, Town Council President**



NEWS FROM TOWN HALL

Town Meeting, July 7, 2004

(Town Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm)

Proposed Enterprise (water & sewer) Budget & Rate Increase (Ordinance 7-2004)

In an effort to reduce a \$4 million deficit from the town's share of the construction cost of the town's water tower and major improvements to the wastewater treatment plant, the Town of Trappe is proposing a sewer and water rate increase as part of their Enterprise budget.

For properties inside town limits, residents would be charged a \$12 (currently \$6.91) basic monthly water service availability fee and a \$2.75 (currently \$2.18) fee per thousand gallons of water for monthly water usage. Residents would also pay an \$18 (currently \$13.09) fee for basic monthly sewer service availability and \$5.25 (currently \$4.31) per thousand gallons of water used for monthly sewer usage. It is estimated that the increases will add up to approximately \$17 per month for an average household.

Properties within town limits that currently do not have water and sewer hookups will see the access fee increase from \$450 to \$4,500 for water capacity and an increase from \$450 to \$5,250 for sewer capacity. Therefore, every time a house is built within the town limits and is hooked up to the water system, the town's debt will be reduced by almost \$10,000. The fee for installation of a new meter and the physical connections to the water and sewer system will remain at \$1,360 for each. These fees cover the installation of one pit and one water meter per property. All multi-family units or apartment buildings will be required to pay an additional fees for each additional unit. Any additional meters or pits requested beyond one per property will be billed at the actual cost of installation. The \$35 fee to turn water off or on in town will remain unchanged.

The town raised water and sewer rates about six years ago to set aside funds for the improvements to the wastewater treatment plant and the construction of the new water tower (which was purchased used from Florida and is designed to withstand hurricane force winds.). The funding that had been collected is about exhausted and with the new plant operating it is possible to now determine our operating expenses and yearly debt service more precisely. It was noted that water and sewer expense must be paid by the citizens/users and cannot be paid from taxes.

Edgar Harrison briefly explained that past delays caused by upgraded design and environmental standards, unexpected litigation and requirements for data studies, contract negotiations, and an extended moratorium period have postponed anticipated new construction that would have allowed the town to better handle it's debt service. These delays have forced 460 residences to carry a huge debt for wastewater capacity designed to serve about 300 additional residences that generate no income for the town until they are built. "We've got to close the gap between when we came off moratorium and the start of new homes," Harrison said of the rate increase. The town had budgeted a reserve based on anticipated growth, but delays and ongoing maintenance expenses have depleted that reserve. "The only 'quick' water and sewer relief for the citizens we can expect is from growth on this side of Route 50," explained Cheryl Lewis, Council president, who also prepared the Enterprise budget. "That is why the Council has always stated they would entertain a project like the proposed the Lyons Annexation." If the Ordinance is passed, the new rates would take effect August 15.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASE (ORDINANCE 7-2004) WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2004 AT 7 PM AT THE TOWN HALL.

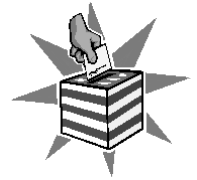
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Commissioner Niemeyer Resigns ~ Special Election Scheduled

Commissioner Robert Niemeyer regretfully announced his resignation from the Town Council, as he retires and moves to Florida to be with his family. Persons interested in running for this position, should file at the Town Hall on or before August 13, 2004. A Special Election will be held on September 13, 2004, and the new commissioner will be sworn in at the October Town Meeting.



Talbot County Creekwatchers Water Quality Monitoring Report 2001-2003

Talbot County Creekwatchers, a citizen-based volunteer water quality monitoring organization with the goal of obtaining objective, scientifically credible water quality data through the recruitment and mobilization of a grassroots volunteer workforce, presented their most recent Water Quality Monitoring Report. More than 60 volunteers conduct annual monitoring of 65 sampling locations, including LaTrappe Creek, Island Creek, Choptank River (Denton to Frazier Pt.), Broad Creek, Harris Creek, Island Creek, Miles River, Tred Avon River, and Wye River. Full-scale sampling began in the summer of 1999, allowing the Creekwatchers to provide baseline data for identifying water quality conditions and trends over time. The report's key findings show declines in water quality, clarity, bay grasses, as well as persistent oxygen deficiencies. Following the presentation, Commissioner Edgar Harrison said, "You have done a tremendous job and should be applauded for your efforts. It's good to have solid, objective data. Although the results are disturbing, the approach and methodology are oddly reassuring. I think our local waterways will show significant improvement in effluent quality in future years." The full report is available online at: http://www.talbotrivers.org/talbot_county_creekwatchers.html. For further information, please contact Jerry Land at 410.822.4394

Village Redevelopment Sub-Area Within Village Overlay Zone (Ordinance 6-2004)

After several months of review, the Planning Commission recommended that the Town Council adopt a Village Redevelopment Sub Area with the existing Village Overlay Zone. This sub-area, would create a Village Center Area that ties directly to the Village Overlay Zone. It would provide the town with needs that once existed, but are no longer available by encouraging mixed residential, small-scale commercial, and multiuse development while still preserving the village scale and character. All uses listed in the town's Comprehensive Plan may be considered by special exception. Town Planner, Frank Hall, explained that the ordinance encourages public input via public hearings, appeals, and planning & zoning reviews. Town attorney, Brynja Booth, stressed that the ordinance opens the door to *potential* changes in use, but that the underlying zoning does not change. In other words, existing residential parcels will not necessarily be rezoned, but will carry the possibility of a future special exception if requested by the property owner and approved through the Planning Commission's process of hearings and review. "The whole idea is to create an environment which will improve on what we already have," Hall stated. Current property owners within the Sub-Area will be notified directly by postal mail of this pending legislation. **THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 6-2004 ON AUGUST 4, 2004 AT 7:00 PM IN THE TOWN HALL.**

Planning Commission Meetings

(held on the 2nd & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm)

East Side Development Recommendation to Council for PN Zoning (07/14/04)

On July 14th, after an extended review period allowing each commission member a one-on-one review of the plan submitted by Robert Rauch and Nicholas P.H. Rocks, applicants in the so-called Trappe East development, the applicant submitted responses to several additional requests including slight site plan changes involving parking, architectural standards, driveways, roof lines, streetscapes, drainage, and habitat connectivity of buffers. Other responses addressed clarifications to definitions, and minor corrections (e.g. typographical errors) to the submission documents. "The level of detail shown in these questions shows the level of attention this Planning Commission has given these documents," said Town Planner, Frank Hall. In response to one comment, Rauch stated that "Trappe East" is only the collective, working name—not the official one—of the project, and that the various phases of the final development will be named separately. It is not the intention that the naming of the development will indicate any separation (east versus west, or otherwise) from the existing town. The Planning Commission approved a favorable recommendation to the Town Council to adapt and record its findings and to authorize PN Zoning of the East Side Development.

Heritage Area Management Plan, Eastern Shore Heritage Inc. (07/14/04)

Town Planner, Frank Hall, discussed Trappe's role in becoming a targeted investment zone in the pending Mid-Shore Heritage Tourism plan, which would include historical and cultural sites, such as the Home Run Baker House. The plan requires that all counties involved (Talbot, Kent, Queen Anne) to accept the agreement and make an amendment by resolution to their comprehensive plans. Hall stated that, although the program opens the door for grant funding, loans, and neighborhood revitalization, that more time be taken to research the implications of such a requirement. "It is my recommendation that we be very cautious and not take any hasty steps to amending our Comprehensive Plan, which is one of the best on the Shore," Hall advised. He added that the plan could potentially incur costs to the participating municipalities that need to be fully disclosed and understood. Hall also stated that the procedure throughout the preliminary process has been muddled and time consuming and therefore should not take precedence over more pressing matters. The commission voted to table this item to allow further time to read the documents and follow up with the Maryland Historical Trust.

Draft Trappe Performance Design Guidelines Brochure (07/21/04)

Town Planner, Frank Hall, together with Leslie Grunden, of Redman, Johnston & Associates, planning consultants, presented the first draft of the Trappe Performance Design Standard Brochure. The final brochure will be a reader-friendly handout presenting an overview of the town's design ordinances and standards, including specifications for architectural requirements, neighborhood diversity, lighting, parking, traffic calming techniques, streetscapes, sidewalks, garages, setbacks, building materials, and environmental standards. The Planning Commission will review the draft brochure and discuss it further at the next meeting.

As you can see it has been a very busy summer for our elected and appointed officials...



Local College Student to Walk in Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk-a-thon

My name is Allison Dungan and I am a resident of La Trappe Heights. I will be a sophomore at Randolph Macon College this fall with a major in environment management and was on the Deans List both semesters last year.

On August 13 to 15, I will be participating in a very special event called the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3-Day. I'll walk 60 miles over the course of three days with thousands of other women and men from Chantilly, Virginia to Washington DC. The net proceeds will support breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment.

According to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, approximately 200,000 American women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, and nearly 40,000 will die from the disease. That's one reason why I'm walking so far and supporting this cause. To do something bold about breast cancer. Also I am doing it for my mother. In August when I am walking, my family will be celebrating her fifth year being cancer free. I hope that you'll share this incredible adventure with me—by supporting me in my fundraising efforts.

I've agreed to raise at least \$2,000 in donations. So, I am asking local citizens and businesses for contributions. To make a donation, please visit www.the3day.org, where you can search for my name and fill out a donation form online or print a copy to be mailed in. Or you may send email to me at trappedungans@yahoo.com or call me at 410.476.5357.

Thank you for your help!



In Memory of Ann Clotworthy Charlton

Ann Clotworthy Charlton, a native Marylander, once resident of St. Michaels, died on May 24, 2004 at the age of 76.

Ann was a talented artist and good friend who shared her skills and talents with everyone and achieved immortality in her art and note cards published by Easton Press. We are grateful for the gift of her life and the wonderful memories she left here during the time her husband, Henry Charlton, served our community as Pastor of Trappe/Faith Chapel United Methodist Charge.

Ann is survived by her husband, Henry H. Charlton; her children, H. Douglas Charlton, Victoria C. Ramos and Debra C. McKay; her brother, John H. Clotworthy; and 11 grandchildren.

Memorial services were held at the Maryland Masonic Home Chapel in Cockeysville on June 5 and July 2 at St. Lukes in St. Michaels. Contributions may be made to the Ann C. Charlton Memorial Fund c/o the Maryland Masonic Home, 300 International Circle, Cockeysville, Md. 21030.

(submitted by Elizabeth Ferguson)



Fun . . .



Little Miss: Katelyn Cherry

Katelyn Cherry, daughter of David & Carla Cherry, is 4 years old and lives on Windy Hill Rd. Katelyn attends WMES. She has a brother named Joshua and a dog named Buster. Her favorite TV show is "Star Wars" and she performed "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" for the talent portion of the contest. Katelyn confidently told the judges about Fire Safety, including having an escape plan, stop-drop-roll, calling 911 in an emergency and the importance of not playing with matches.



TRAPPE ROYALTY



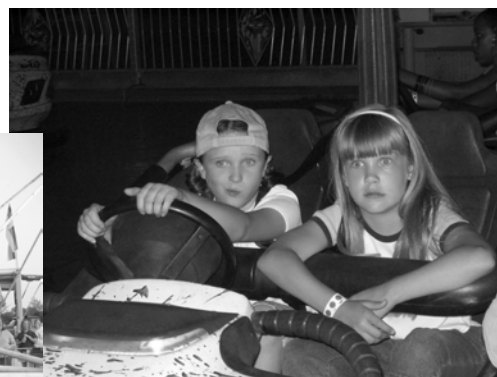
Big Miss: Megan Higgins

Megan Higgins, daughter of Valerie & Chris Haddaway of Trappe and Eddie Higgins of McDaniel, is 16 years old and a senior at EHS. After graduation, Megan plans to join the Air Force. As Big Miss Trappe, she is looking forward to helping children and the community learn about Fire Prevention. Megan discussed several safety issues, increased awareness after the Sept. 11 tragedy, and the importance of prevention measurers and EDI TH (Escape Drills In The Home).



Trappe Carnival Getting Better Every Year . . .

Rides & Games . . .



Food . . .

John & Anne Farewell in the concession stand for St. Paul every night . . .



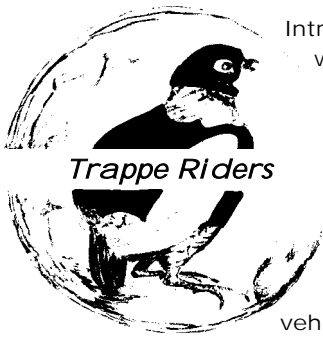
Cake Booth: Little Girl with a Big Quarter . . .

and of course
a Parade . .



Who could ask for anything more . . .





Introducing Trappe residents on wheels...We would like to add to these pictures, so get those bikes out and say cheese...

Please remember State law governs the use of motorcycles, motor scooters and mopeds on all Maryland roadways.

In general all motorized vehicles used on our roads must be registered or be capable of being registered through Maryland's Motor Vehicle Department.

All drivers must be 16, wear an approved helmet and carry an appropriate operators license issued by Motor Vehicles.

It is not legal to operate any motorized vehicle on our roadways that does not meet the state criteria for a motorcycle, motor scooter or moped. Small-motorized scooters, mini bikes, pocket bikes, go carts, 4-wheelers, etc. are not legal to be used on the road and are in violation of state law.

Please contact us to be added to our Rider photos....



Mike Marshall - TVFD



Frank Hall - Town Planner



Tony Lewis - putting on the shine..



Cheryl Lewis - Town Council



Homerun Baker Softball All Stars Excel in District Tournament

The Homerun Baker All Stars for 11-12 year olds competed in the District 6 Little League Softball All Star Tournament from June 30 to July 14. The Homerun Baker team was selected from the 4 teams in the regular season league (2 from St. Michaels, and 1 each from Trappe & Cordova). District 6 includes 9 teams from Queen Anne, Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties. The girls were 4 and 2 in the tournament, going down to the wire against Denton, who came out of the losers bracket needing to win twice, which they did. Shown here are (back row, standing, L-R): Lyston Adams, Kallie Starkey, Terra Dodrill, Abby Pyper, Caroline Mister, Chloe Tong, Coach Chris Marvel, and Myisha Flannery. Front row, kneeling: Manager Mike Mitchell, Cassie Greenhawk, Caroline Marvel, Hailee Mitchell, Shelby Taylor, Courtney Hill, and Coach Steve Hill.

Accolades to **DAVE HAZEN** for his devoted efforts in our gardens. They look wonderful and we receive many compliments from the community. Those of you who remember 8 or 9 years ago will agree, it's sure, that we have come a long way!

(Submitted by Mary Gettsinger, St. Paul's Episcopal Church)

Congratulations!

With strong support from the community, Talbot Family Network donated all proceeds from last month's Youth Appreciation Day to the Trappe Volunteer Fire Department. The following youth honorees were recognized and received Award Certificates, School Supplies, Day Planners, Gift Certificates, and other prizes:

Julie Baynard, nominated by James Hollis & the students participating in WMES Homework Club

Arnold Castro-Cano, nominated as junior Latino translator for WMES

Joy Colman, nominated by WMES Homework Club for "100% improved reading skills"

Heather Diefenderfer, nominated by Talbot Evangelistic Church

Devon Desaulniers, nominated by WMES Homework Club for improved school performance

Rosalee Hemming, nominated by St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Raymond Geist, nominated by Faith/Trappe UMC

Gregory Gibson, nominated by Waters UMC, Oxford

Tony Lewis, nominated by Faith/Trappe UMC

Courtney Maher, nominated by Talbot Evangelistic Church

Jocelyn Portilo, nominated as junior Latino translator for WMES

Nick Willoughby, nominated by St. Paul's Episcopal Church

CHRISTIE TOWERS, a resident of Trappe District and a senior at Easton High School, is the new Student Member of the Talbot County Board of Education. "It will be interesting to be a part of," Christie remarked. "I think students are beginning to see that they can make a difference in their communities and in their schools. They are finding a voice that I believe will carry over into their adult political life. I am honored to have the opportunity to work so closely with both students and board members."

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August 2004

Summer time an' the livin' is easy, Fish are jumpin' an' the cotton is high. Oh, yo' daddy's rich, and yo' ma' is good-lookin', So hush, little baby, don't yo' cry.

Ira Gershwin and DuBose Heyward, from the play "Porgy and Bess"








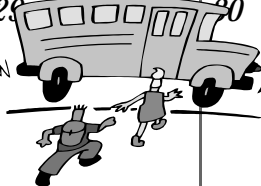

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!!!

On **FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2004**, Faith and Trappe United Methodist Churches and Scott's United Methodist Church will sponsor a trip to see the Shorebirds play the Augusta Green Jackets at Arthur W. Perdue Stadium in Salisbury. The bus will leave promptly at 5:15 p.m. from Scott's UMC. The cost is \$10.00 per person for the bus trip and a general admission ticket to the game. There is plenty of food at the stadium available at each individual's expense.

DON'T WAIT - CALL NOW - THE BUS ONLY CARRIES 46 PEOPLE

Call Charles Adams at 410.673.9099 to reserve your bus seat and ticket.



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1 * August 4, 11, 18, 25 Trappe United Methodist Church Women's Bible Study Wednesday Nights @ 7:30 PM 3090 Chancelors Point Rd	2 Trappe Town Council Public Hearing 7PM Enterprise Budget and Water & Sewer Rate Increase Workshop 8PM Storm Water Program	3 SUMC 7:30 pm Mens's Bible Study Trappe UMC 29299 Maple Ave Bible Study 1:15 pm	4  Trappe Town Mtg 7 PM Public Hearing Village Redevelopment Sub Area Village Overlay Zone 7:30 PM Town Council Mtg Trappe Town Hall * SUMC - TUMC Bible Study BOOKMOBILE 3:00 - 3:45 @ old ball park Main Street	5 SUMC 5:30 pm Youth Praise Dept. AA Mtg 6:30pm St. Paul's Trappe VFD Line Dancing w/ Steve Moody 7-10pm	6 St. Paul's Artist's Group 9:30 am  TUMC & SUMC Shorebirds Game See top of this page...	7 Scott's UMC Chicken BBQ Scott's UMC Senior Citizens Prom: including crowning of King & Queen TVFD 6 to 10 PM
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Summer Bookmobile Continues Until August 18th

Only a few more weeks left to bring the kids and enjoy summer reading without having to leave town. The bookmobile will be available at the entrance to the old ball fields on Main Street every Wednesday afternoon from 3:00 to 3:45 until August 18th. Stop in on your way to the park or while taking an afternoon stroll and check out a book! You can even return a book that you may have picked up at the one of the library branches. What could be easier for your summer reading enjoyment? For more information, please contact librarian Betty Dorbin at 410.822.1626 or bdorbin@talb.lib.md.us



St. Paul's preschool is state approved program for three and four year olds. Come join us for a fun filled learning experience. Conveniently located on Main Street, St. Paul's is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 8:45 to 11:45 a.m. Registration is now in progress for the new year starting August 25, 2004. For more info: call Lori Hemming at 410.476.4465 - lhemming@closecall.com.